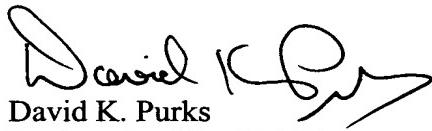


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#### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of this application as evidenced by the Office Action, and appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 3, 13, 16, and 26-28 are allowed. To place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Claims 2, 4-12, 15, and 17-25 have been amended to depend from the allowed claims, and independent Claim 29 has been amended to include recitations corresponding to those of allowed Claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which is requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

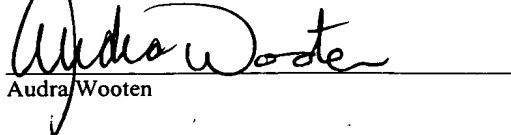


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